

WAR CLOUDS MISS OLIVE

Yet Preparations for Defense Are Actively Continued.

SPAIN'S PEACEFUL FRONT

Prospects for War Seem More Remote.

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BROOKLYN LEAVES LAGUAYRA.

The big armored cruiser Brooklyn started away from Laguayra today under the command of Admiral Sampson, directly for Hampton Roads. She had been making a flying cruise in the West Indies and around the eastern coast of Central America. The sending of the ship to Hampton Roads instead of returning her to Key West where she came to anchor, is an evidence of a change in policy on the part of the naval strategists who may have come to the conclusion that the gathering of the most and best vessels of the North Atlantic squadron at Key West is putting too many of our eggs in one basket, and unduly exposing the eastern coast. There has also been talk of organizing a flying squadron composed altogether of fleet cruisers, four in number, and having them ready to go to sea at a moment's notice in pursuit of an enemy's fleet, relying upon the big battleships for the home guard. This, however, has not been decided upon.

FOR RELIEF OF THE FERN.

Arrangements were perfected at the navy department today for the relief of the dispatch boat Fern at Havana by the cruiser Montgomery, of Admiral Sigsbee's squadron now at Key West. The Montgomery will reach the Fern tomorrow morning so that the latter vessel may arrive at Key West Wednesday evening in ample time to receive the food supplies from New York which are due there on that day. There will be no delay in the departure of the Fern on her return to Key West.

The Fern has been stationed at Havana since a day or so after the disaster to the Maine, and her principal functions for the last week or ten days has been as a practical floating dock for the use of the dispatch boat. This, Sir George Des Voeux added, would prevent war with Spain, and would make general American sympathy with Great Britain, which he asserted, was now only partial.

NOT A NAVAL AGENT.

Mr. Cridler Denies That He is Commissioned to Buy Warships. Paris, March 8.—Thomas W. Cridler, the special commissioner of the United States at the Paris Exposition of 1889 and third assistant secretary of state, requests the Associated Press to deny the report that he is commissioned to purchase warships.

PARTY LINES SWEPT AWAY

Members of Congress Display a Spirit of Patriotism.

STAND BY THE PRESIDENT

Unanimous Response to His Call for Defense Fund.

Members regardless of political creed hasten to go on record in support of the vast appropriation of fifty million dollars to be expended for national defense. The result of the vote is greeted by enthusiastic demonstrations of approval from the spectators in the galleries.

LEE WILL REMAIN.

Says He Will Stick by the Ship of State Until the Clouds Roll. Havana, March 8.—Some persons, in order to increase the excitement, are urging General Fitzhugh Lee to resign, but the commander of the United States said to a correspondent today: "I will stick by the ship of state until the clouds roll by."

GALLERIES ENTHUSIASTIC.

All day long the galleries were jammed with enthusiastic spectators applauding to the echo the sterling patriotism of the words of eloquence which were uttered by the members on the floor. All the speeches were brief. Although four hours were allowed for debates, so great was the pressure for time that no one member was given more than five minutes and most of them had to content themselves with a few minutes of a minute. In all fifty-nine speeches were made. With one acclaim members from the north and south, the east and the west, the states and the territories, battle-scarred veterans of the Union and the Confederate armies, all joined in proclaiming the wisdom of the bill.

URGING ENGLISH INTERVENTION.

Sir George Des Voeux Wants Great Britain to Discourage Spain. London, March 8.—Sir George Des Voeux, formerly governor of the Bahama Islands, and more recently governor of Hong Kong, in an interview today on the far Eastern crisis, said Great Britain ought to immediately seize the opportunity of expressing cordial sympathy with the United States in her efforts to secure autonomy for Cuba, and to express the determination of Great Britain to aid the United States with her fleet against any attack upon her coast. This, Sir George Des Voeux added, would prevent war with Spain, and would make general American sympathy with Great Britain, which he asserted, was now only partial.

THE DEBATE OPENED.

Mr. Cannon opened the debate. He declared the purpose of the bill and said it was a peace, and not a war measure. Among the many speeches which followed, all ardent with patriotism, that by Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, aroused possibly the greatest enthusiasm. It was a glowing eulogy of the President's patriotism.

Mr. Hay (Dem., Va.) took advantage of the opportunity to refer in complimentary terms to the part that Consul General Lee is playing in the present contingency. He said that General Lee was sustaining so well the good name of the state in performing his duty as to win the encomiums of the entire nation and that at such time it was a genuine satisfaction to have such a man as General Lee at such a post. The reference to General Lee called out loud applause both from the floor and the galleries.

Mr. Bingham (Rep., Pa.) caused the first note of discordance that was heard. While supporting the bill on general principles he was avowedly out of sympathy with the common interpretation of the bill, and as a consequence he was vigorously biased twice during the progress of his remarks—once when he referred to General Lee and at the close when he asserted that the relations between the United States and Spain are in no wise strained.

Express Agent Missing.

Providence, R. I., March 8.—Charles Cullen, night agent of the Adams Express company here, is missing and is not an express package containing \$10,000 which was on its way from Cleveland to Akron.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather indications today: Fair; warmer; southwesterly winds.
- 1 General-Peace Conditions with Spain Appear More Favorable. Congress Heroically Stands by the President.
 - 2 Russian Grant from China.
 - 3 State-End Near at Hand in the Lattimer Trial.
 - 4 Local-Before Breakfast Chat. One Night at the Theaters.
 - 5 Editorial. Commem. of the Press.
 - 6 Congressional Aspirant for gubernatorial Honor.
 - 7 Local-Arguments in the Richmond Mine Injunction Case.
 - 8 Supt. Howell's Test Questions in American History.
 - 9 Local-Snowitch Caught in Kansas City.
 - 10 Ad. Jured Meeting of Select Council.
 - 11 Local-West Side and Suburban.
 - 12 Lackawanna County News.
 - 13 Whitneys Weekly News Budget. Financial and Commercial.

KEOGH MAKES A BIG GAIN

Second Night's Play Results in a Handsome Lead for the Scranton Boy--Is a Sure Winner. Boston, March 8.—At the end of the second night's play in the world's championship pool contest Keogh, the Scranton boy, and present holder of the medal, leads ex-Champion Clearwater, of Pittsburg, by fifty-six points, having made a gain in the second 200 points of forty-nine balls.

HISSES SUPPRESSED.

This utterance was received with hisses, which were only suppressed by the vigorous pounding of the speaker's gavel. Mr. Dooliver followed Mr. Bingham with a patriotic speech and received great applause. Mr. Adams (Rep., Pa.), a member of the foreign affairs committee, said the people of Philadelphia were always for peace, but if war came they would be found in the forefront of the battle.

CABLE BILL AGREED ON.

Provides for the Construction of a Line from San Francisco to Japan. Washington, March 8.—The Pacific cable bill was agreed on by the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce today. It provides for the construction of a cable from San Francisco to Japan via Hawaii, and from Honolulu to Manila.

NOVELTY STORE BURNED.

The Establishment of Wolf & Company in Ruins. Philadelphia, March 8.—The large novelty store of Wolf & Co., Franklin and Vine streets, was damaged by fire today to the extent of \$25,000. The upper floors of the building, which is a five-story brick, are occupied by Hensel, Colladay & Co., manufacturers of dress and cloak trimmings.

MORE RIOTING AT PRAGUE.

Police Intervene Between German and Czech Students. Prague, March 8.—There has been renewed rioting today between the German and Czech students. The police intervened and in the conflicts several persons were injured.

State Veterinary Association.

Philadelphia, March 8.—The sixteenth annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Veterinary association opened tonight. These officers were elected: George E. Johnson, Franklin, president; J. B. Rayner, Mitchell, Colmar, first vice president; J. F. Butterfield, Monroe, second vice president; F. E. Hoffman, Brookville, third vice president; W. L. Rhoads, Lansdowne, secretary; J. Helmer, Scranton, recording secretary; F. Bridge, Philadelphia, treasurer; trustees, J. B. Rayner, West Chester, W. H. Hoskins, Philadelphia, W. H. Ridge, Treviso; J. C. McNeill, Pittsburg; J. W. Lallade, Pottsville.

Will Honor J. Brown's Memory.

Washington, March 8.—The National Association of Democratic clubs, through President Chaucey F. Black, has issued an address requesting the Democratic clubs of the country to join in a celebration of Jefferson's birthday on April 13 by a dinner at Washington.

Where Swearing is a Luxury.

Scranton, Pa., March 8.—It cost Edward Rowe of East Stroudsburg, \$27 for the luxury of emphasizing his remarks with an oath. Rowe was fined by Justice Hutchinson, a charge he had preferred, for using profane language in the public schools.

Broke Up a Dance With Murder.

Athens, Ill., March 8.—Elley Gilchrist, David Easton, John Whitehurst and Thomas Skatilla went to the house of Frederick Impke to break up a dance. George Skatilla was shot and killed and John Whitehurst fatally wounded.

Killed by a Burglar.

Providence, R. I., March 8.—William O. Hutchins, one of the best known manufacturers in the east, was shot and almost instantly killed by a burglar who had entered his residence about 7 o'clock tonight.

Edward Brennan Reappointed.

Harrisburg, March 8.—Edward Brennan, of Northumberland, was today reappointed inspector of mines for the seventh anthracite district of the state.

WAR SIGNS IN THE FAR EAST

China Is Urged to Reject the Demands of Russia.

JAPAN SERIOUSLY OBJECTS

Promises to Make Trouble at the Proper Time.

Vigorous Action Threatened if They Are Acceded To--Excitement at the Japanese Legation in Peking--The Minister Has Several Interviews with the Chinese Foreign Office. Corea Has Trouble.

COREA OBJECTS STRONGLY.

Report that Her Minister Will Be Impeached for Leasing Deer Island. Yokohama, March 8.—The Korean cabinet, it is understood here, will impeach the foreign minister of Corea for leasing Deer Island to Russia.

THREE FIREMEN INJURED.

Flames Cause Damage Estimated at \$150,000 in Rhode Island. Providence, R. I., March 8.—A fire which caused damage estimated at \$150,000, and in which three firemen were hurt slightly, broke out in a five-story building occupied by the Brownell & Field company, wholesale grocers, on Canal street, last night. The fourth and fifth stories of an adjoining building, occupied by Arnold, Peck & Co., wholesale druggists, were gutted. The Brownell & Field building was bounded on two sides by narrow alleyways, and the firemen were hindered by iron shutters which opened from the inside.

PRINCE IS WITH US.

His Royal Highness Albert, of Belgium, Arrives at New York. New York, March 8.—The Duke of Guelders, Prince Albert, of Belgium, arrived today from Bremen and Southampton. Among the saloon passengers were his royal highness Prince Albert, of Belgium and suite; Count and Countess de Grosse, Captain Engelbert, arrived today from Bremen and Southampton.

POPULISTS URGE AN EXTRA SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PASSING ONE.

Omaha, Neb., March 8.—The decision in the state maximum freight rate case by the United States supreme court has caused much discussion throughout Nebraska. The leading Populists of the state are vigorously asserting that an extra session must be called immediately and another similar bill passed with the unconstitutional features eliminated.

Martin to Visit the President.

Harrisburg, March 8.—It is reported here tonight that Secretary of the Commonwealth Martin will go to Washington tomorrow to confer with President McKinley. The purpose of the visit is not definitely known, but in well informed circles it is said to be in connection with the proposed reorganization of the Pennsylvania militia.

Asked to Resign After Long Service.

Easton, Pa., March 8.—Rev. T. O. Stem, pastor of St. Mary's Reformed church for nearly twenty-two years, has been asked to resign, because of dissatisfaction among the members of the congregation. Rev. Mr. Stem is well known in Reformed church circles, being stated clerk of the East Penn. Classis.

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, March 8.—In the middle states and New England, today, fair to partly cloudy and considerably warmer weather will prevail with light east fresh southeasterly and southerly winds, followed by increasing cloudiness and probably by local rain in the lake region. On Thursday, in both of these sections, fair to partly cloudy weather and fresh to brisk easterly and southwesterly winds will prevail with nearly stationary, followed by lower temperature and with local rain or snow in the northern and western districts.